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AND CAIRO, ALGIERS, TUNIS, TRIPOLI, RABAT, PARIS, LONDON,

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SUBJECT: NYERERE'S OAU SPEECH AND EMBASSY COMMENTS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1001

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE'S SPEECH TO THE OPENING OF OAU COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS HAS GOT TO BE DESJIBED AS BEING MODERATE AND
CONCILIATORY IN TONE. HE OFFERED THE QUOTE OLIVE BRANCH UNQUOTE
IN AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH SUCH A PRESENTATION REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE
CT
RAGE.

2. THE THRUST OF HIS MESSAGE WAS THAT QUOTE AFRICA PREFERS
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DECOLONIZATION PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA UNQUOTE. THAT HE ADDED QUOTE IF SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT
ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION THEN WE MUST RESORT TO ARMED STRUGGLE
UNQUOTE WAS A CAVEAT REQUIRED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT EVEN
MORE IT IS PROBABLY A REALISTIC COMMENT AT THIS HISTORIC
POINT IN THE LIBERATION CAMPAIGN.

3. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT CONTRARY TO NYERERE'S VIEWS
IN DAR 940 TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA WILL COME IN FOR
CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM BEFORE THIS MEETING ADJOURNS. THIS
WAS MADE CLEAR BY THE STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC
(DAR'S 1000) AND BY KENYAN FOMIN WAIYAKI'S RESPONSE TO
NYERERE IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR A TOTAL BOYCOTT OF SOUTH
AFRICA
AND THE USE OF ARMED STRUGGLE INSTEAD OF A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION.

4. THE WAIYAKI SPEECH IS BEING MUCH DISCUSSED BY DELEGATES
HERE, AND THE TANZANIANS HAVE ADMITTED THEIR SURPRISE. ONE
SENIOR FOMIN OFFICIAL QUESTIONED WHETHER WAIYAKI SPOKE FOR
HIMSELF OR WHETHER HIS MESSAGE HAD BEEN CLEARED AT STATE HOUSE
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IN NAIROBI PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL.

5. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT NYERERE'S ELDER STATESMAN APPROACH
WAS LISTENED TO CAREFULLY BUT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OF APPLAUSE
OR CHEERS. WAIYAKI'S INFLAMED ORATORY WAS INTERRUPTED MANY
TIMES ALBEIT LARGELY BY OBSERVERS FROM SWAPO AND BY DELEGATIONS
FROM THE ARAB NORTH.

6. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN TANGOV'S POSITION

PAPER ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION, BUT WE BELIEVE IT SIMPLY
EXPANDS UPON THE CONTENTS REPORTED IN DAR 921, 940 AND 969.

7. SO THE NINTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION SEEMS TO BE SETTLING
DOWN TO A CONTEST OF INFLUENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE THAT
A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION SHOULD BE PURRUED WITH VIGOR AND THOSE
WHO WANT TO THROW OUT THE BABY WITH THE BATH WATER. WE
PREDICT THE MODERATES MAY WELL CARRY THE DAY, BUT IT WILL
OBVIOUSLY BE MORE OF A STRUGGLE THAN THEY ANTICIPATED.
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